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What is claimed is:

- 5 1. An audio playback device interface for interface with an audio headset, said interface comprising a load in series between an audio output of a stereo headset driver of an audio playback device and a ground.
- 10 2. The audio playback device interface of claim 1 further comprising a second load equal to said first load, said second load in series between a second audio output of a stereo headset driver and a headset jack of an audio playback device.
- 15 3. An audio playback device comprising:
 a stereo headset driver for amplifying a first and a second audio signal to a headset;
 a headset jack for contacting a headset plug in communication with a headset, said headset jack in communication with output from said stereo headset driver; and
 a load between said headset jack and a first audio output from said stereo headset driver for preventing a first audio output from contacting ground.
- 20 4. The audio playback device of claim 3 wherein said load comprises a resistance in series between a first audio output from said stereo headset driver and a ground.
- 25 5. The audio playback device of claim 3 further comprising a second load between said headset jack and a second audio output from said stereo headset driver.

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6. The audio playback device of claim 5, wherein the resistance of said second load is equal to the resistance of said first load.

7. The audio playback device of claim 5, wherein said second load comprises a 5 resistance in series between a second audio output from said stereo headset driver and said headset jack.

8. A mobile communication device comprising:
10 a stereo headset driver for amplifying a first and a second audio signal to a headset;
a headset jack for contacting a headset plug in communication with a headset, said headset jack in communication with output from said stereo headset driver; and a load between said headset jack and a first audio output from said stereo headset driver for preventing a first audio output from contacting ground.

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9. A method of making a stereo audio playback device compatible with stereo and mono headsets comprising:

20 providing a headset driver for the audio playback device for amplifying a first and a second audio signal to a headset; and

placing a load on a first audio output from the headset driver to prevent a first audio output from contacting a ground on a headset plug.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein placing a load on a first audio output comprises placing a resistance in series between a first audio output from the stereo headset driver and a 25 ground.

11. The method of claim 9 further comprising placing a load between a second audio output from the headset driver and a headset jack of the audio playback device.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein placing a load on a second audio output
5 comprises placing a resistance in series between a second audio output from the stereo headset driver and a headset jack.

13. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of matching the values of the two loads.

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